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MEASUREMENT METHOD AND DEVICE  
FOR BEAD CUTTING SHAPE IN  
ELECTRIC RESISTANCE WELDED PIPES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents September 10, 2004  
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks  
are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-  
identified application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2  
of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the  
listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.  
sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 21 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature  
page of this paper.